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LETTER DATED 23 MARCH 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and further to the letter which I addressed to you on 20 March 1991 concerning the continuing overflight of Iraqi territory by United States military aircraft, I have the honour to inform you that to date 81 formations have flown a total of 171 sorties. The operations have been concentrated in the areas of southern Baghdad, Al-Qadisiyah, eastern Baghdad, Al-Habbaniyah, Al-Ramadi, Tikrit, Kut, Karbala, Khanaqin and Al-Najaf. The formations flew at an altitude of between 3,000 and 7,500 metres at a speed of 720 kilometres per hour. In addition, United States military aircraft shot down two PC-9 aircraft in northern Iraq.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this letter to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir AL-ANBARI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative